

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 16, 2004. Claims 14-27 and 34-35 remain pending in this application. Claims 3, 5, 9, 13, 14, 18, 21, 23, 26, 30, 32, 34, and 35 are the independent claims.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 14-27 and 34-35 are allowed. Applicant further notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 3, 5, 9, 13, 30, and 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicant has so amended Claims 3, 5, 9, 13, 30, and 32 and respectfully believes them to be in condition for allowance at this time.

Applicant also believes the cancellation of Claims 1-2, 4, 6-8, 10-12, 28-29, 31, and 33 and the amendments to Claims 3, 5, 9, 13, 30, and 32 render the 35 USC § 101 and § 102 rejections moot and respectfully requests their withdrawal.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application. Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone at the number given below. Please charge any additional fees which may now or in the future be required in this application, including extension of time fees and fees for claims

added upon amendment, but excluding the issue fee unless explicitly requested to do so, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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